

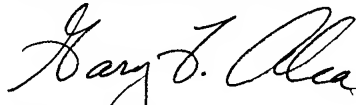
REMARKS

Consideration of the present patent application, as now amended, is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted pending claims 1-43 into two groups: I) claims 1-18; and II) claims 19-43. Applicants elect to prosecute the Group I claims; Group II claims are accordingly cancelled.

Applicants believe all the pending claims are allowable and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 446-7687.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary T. Aka". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" being more prominent.

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